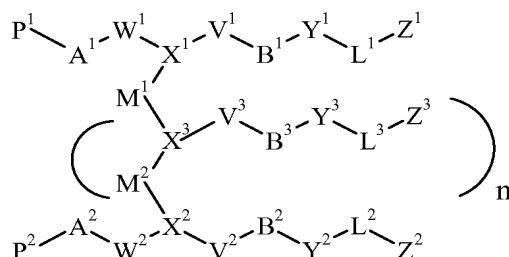


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein

P^1 and P^2 independently represent a polyethylene glycol (PEG) moiety;

Z^1 , and Z^2 and Z^3 independently represent a polyclonal, monoclonal, multi-valent, multi-specific, humanized or chimeric antibody, a single chain antibody, a Fab fragment, a Fab' or F(ab')₂ fragment, or an epitope-binding fragment thereof;

X^1 , and X^2 and X^3 independently represent ~~CR^+ or N;~~

A^1 and A^2 independently represent ~~$-CONH-$, $-NHCO-$, $-OC(O)N(R^2)-$, $-N(R^2)C(O)O-$ or $-NHCONH-$;~~

B^1 , and B^2 and B^3 independently represent ~~$-CONH-$ or $-CO-$;~~

V^1 , and V^2 and V^3 independently represent a covalent bond ~~or $-(CH_2)_v-$;~~

W^1 and W^2 independently represent ~~a covalent bond or $-(CH_2)_w-$;~~

Y^1 , and Y^2 and Y^3 independently represent $-(CH_2)_y-$;

L^1 , and L^2 and L^3 independently represent a maleimide moiety residue, each of which is covalently linked to Z^1 and Z^2 , respectively, and each of which is covalently linked through the maleimide nitrogen atom to Y^1 and Y^2 , respectively;

M^1 and M^2 independently represent a covalent bond ~~or represents $-(CH_2)_m-$;~~

R^+ represents hydrogen or C_{1-4} -alkyl;

R^2 represents hydrogen or C_{1-4} -alkyl;

n is zero, 1 or 2;

v is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

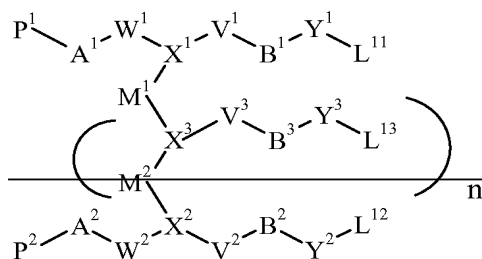
w is 1, or 2, ~~3 or~~ 4;

y is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6; and

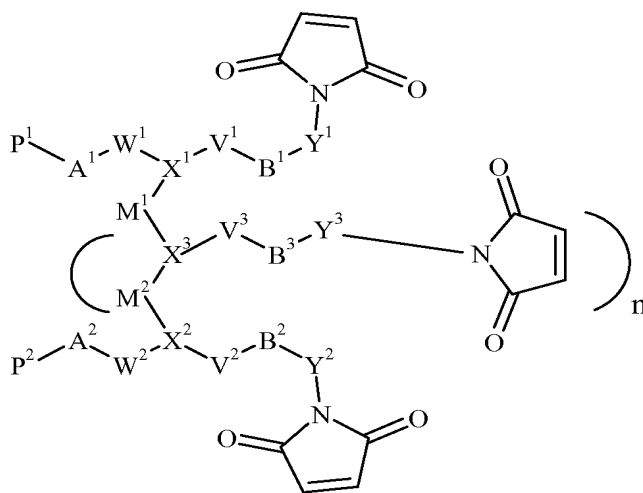
m is ~~1, 2 or~~ 3.

2. (Currently amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Z^1 , and Z^2 ~~and~~ Z^3 independently represent a whole antibody or a functionally active antibody fragment or derivative.

3. (withdrawn and currently amended) A compound of formula (~~H~~ III):



(II)



(III)

wherein

L^{+1} , L^{+2} and L^{+3} represent groups that attach residues Z^1 , Z^2 and Z^3 , respectively, or that are converted into groups that attach residues Z^1 , Z^2 and Z^3 , respectively;

Z^1 , Z^2 and Z^3 independently represent the residue of a biologically active moiety;

P^1 and P^2 independently represent a polymer residue polyethylene glycol (PEG) moiety;

X^1 ; and X^2 and X^3 independently represent CR^+ or N;

A^1 and A^2 independently represent ~~CONH~~, ~~NHCO~~, ~~OC(O)N(R²)~~, ~~N(R²)C(O)O~~ or ~~NHCONH~~;

B^1 ; and B^2 and B^3 independently represent ~~CONH~~ or ~~CO~~;

V^1 ; and V^2 and V^3 independently represent a covalent bond or ~~(CH₂)_v~~;

W^1 and W^2 independently represent a covalent bond or ~~(CH₂)_w~~;

Y^1 ; and Y^2 and Y^3 independently represent ~~(CH₂)_y~~;

L^+ , L^2 and L^3 independently represent a maleimide moiety;

M^1 and M^2 independently represent a covalent bond or represents ~~(CH₂)_m~~;

R^+ represents hydrogen or C₁₋₄-alkyl;

R^2 represents hydrogen or C₁₋₄-alkyl;

n is zero, ~~1~~ or 2;

v is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

w is 1, or 2, 3 or 4;

y is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6; and

m is ~~1~~, 2 or 3.

4. (cancelled))

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 that is

~~DiFab'-conjugated N,N'-bis [4-maleimidylbutyl] 2,3-bis (3-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-propionylamino)-succinamide;~~

DiFab'-conjugated 3-maleimidyl-N-(2-{[3-maleimidyl-propionyl]-[(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-amino}-ethyl)-N-[(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide; or

DiFab'-conjugated 3-maleimidyl-N-(2-{[3-(maleimidyl)-propionyl]-[2-(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-amino}-ethyl)-N-[2-(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-propionamide.

9. (withdrawn and currently amended) A compound as claimed in claim 4 that is

~~N,N'-Bis [4-maleimidylbutyl] 2,3-bis (3-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-propionylamino)-succinamide;~~

3-Maleimidyl-N-(2-{[3-maleimidyl-propionyl]-[(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-amino}-ethyl)-N-[(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide; or

3-Maleimidyl-N-(2-{[3-(maleimidyl)-propionyl]-[2-(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-amino}-ethyl)-N-[2-(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-propionamide.

10. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1 in association with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or diluents.